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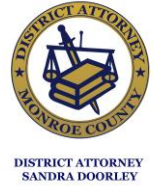


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Monroe County District Attorney's Office Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

This week the attorneys in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office have been swamped with trials and grand jury presentations.

In the first three months of 2022, our Homicide Bureau has had four homicide jury convictions, five homicide sentences and three additional homicide resolutions. The Assistant District Attorneys in the Special Investigations Bureau are also working on back-to-back trials on illegal weapons and shooting cases.

The Assistant District Attorneys in Monroe County are working in overdrive on the lingering cases from the pandemic, the uptick in violent crimes from 2021, and the already aggressive homicide and shooting cases we are seeing this year. I am proud that they are putting these new cases in grand jury and securing indictments so we can continue our part in finding justice for victims and the community.

I have been working hard preparing for the trial of Keith Williams, who is charged with Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer and Assault in the 1st Degree for the brutal assault of Rochester Police Officer Dennison Wright on October 4, 2019. The trial is scheduled for April 26 after many COVID related and case related delays. I am excited to finally have the chance to bring this case in front of a jury to secure justice.

I am proud of our office's momentum and have no intention of slowing down. The Assistant District Attorneys and I will continue to work diligently to move our cases through the criminal justice system to provide justice for family members and do our part in making our community safer.

Sandra



Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total: 16

Monroe County Total: 17

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

February 2022

Total Reported ODs: 61

Total Fatalities: 20

Year To Date 2022

Total Reported ODs: 119

Total Fatalities: 35

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Jarvis Lewis was convicted by a jury of four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, one count of Assault in the 2nd Degree and one count of Resisting Arrest for various illegal weapons possessions in May 2021 and June 2021, in addition to the Assault of a Rochester Police Officer. As a violent predicate offender, he faces 7-15 years on the weapons charges and 5-7 years on the assault. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau.

A Monroe County Grand Jury indictment was unsealed, charging **Christen Dowdell** with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting death of Quinn Mair on March 19, 2022. Following the unsealing of the indictment, Christen Dowdell was arraigned in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall. Christen Dowdell is currently being held No Bail, No Release. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

Rayshawn Brumfield was sentenced by State Supreme Court Justice Renzi to 11 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 5 years of post-release supervision after a Monroe County Jury convicted him of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for a shooting incident on November 19, 2020, on Clairmount Street in the City of Rochester. Brumfield fired an illegal firearm 11 times at a vehicle. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators and prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Sharodd Walker was indicted on Robbery in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to an armed robbery on November 20, 2021 and an illegal weapon charge from January 11, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Jackie Ray Robinson was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in relation to the death of Chad Wilson and the shooting of Jerome Mason on March 12, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

James Young was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Randall to 25 Years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections after being convicted by a Monroe County jury of one count of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child for the ongoing abuse against a child under the age of 13. This case was investigated by the New York State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. James Young also has pending federal charges. This abuse occurred on or about and between June 2019 and April 2020. This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

James Jacobs was indicted on Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated and two counts of Driving While Intoxicated in relation to the vehicular death of Stephen Kneeland on March 20, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the DWI Bureau.

Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. was indicted on two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, and eight counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the murders of Luis Morales and Juan Pena Mendez, attempted murder of two others, and several gun charges between January 2022 – March 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Yosmain Ammons was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in relation to the stabbing of a 60-year-old at a public library. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Major Felony Bureau.

MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-admits-to-killing-another-man-in-rochester-during-argument-over-car>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2022/03/21/thomas-johnson-appeal-denied-in-murder-of-rpd-officer-daryl-pierson-rochester-ny/7119412001/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/court-upholds-mans-conviction-for-killing-rpd-officer>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-convicted-of-murdering-rochester-store-clerk>

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/man-stabbed-ny-library-expected-to-survive-police-officer-swift-actions>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/alternate/amp/2022-03-30-rochester-man-indicted-in-bay-st-homicide/>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/james-jacobs-indicted-deadly-crash-in-parma-drunk-driving/6432986/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2022/03/29/greece-ny-police-officer-bryan-root-intends-sue-town-department/7193371001/>



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